

55. The method of claim 54, further comprising:
at the communication device:

receiving said first packet of telephony data.

56. The method of claim 54, further comprising:
at the bypass device:

receiving a second transmitted packet of telephony data via the low
voltage power line from the communication device, and

transmitting said second packet of telephony data through the medium
voltage power line; and

at the network interface device:

receiving said second packet of telephony data from the medium voltage
power line, and

transmitting said second received packet of telephony data through the
network.

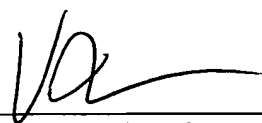
REMARKS

Entry of this First Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-9 have been canceled. Claims 10-55 have been added. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 10-55 will be pending in the application. No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 1 through 9 have been canceled.

Claims 10 through 55 have been added.